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EO 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR ASEAN ID

SUBJ: ASEAN:REACTION TO EVENTS IN INDOCHINA

REF: JAKARTA 4380 (NOTAL)

1. DURING APRIL 10 MEETING REPORTED REFTEL, GENERAL YOGA SUGOMO, HEAD OF BAKIN, ALSO TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT DURING RECENTLY COMPLETED VISITS TO ASEAN CAPITALS HE FOUND GENERAL AGREEMENT ON NEED FOR ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING TO DISCUSS IMPACT OF DETERIORATING INDOCHINA SITUATION ON ASEAN AND NEED FOR COLLECTIVE ASEAN STRATEGY IN EVENT OF NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY/POLITICAL TAKEOVER IN INDOCHINA. PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY, BUT YOGA WAS CONCERNED THAT RAVEL PLANS OF SEVERAL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DURING NEXT FEW MONTHS MIGHT DELAY SUMMIT, IN SPITE OF SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION.

2. BEGIN XGDS-1-YOGA EXPLAINED THAT SECURITY AND POLITICAL STABILIZATION COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 8 REVIEWED INDONESIA'S OPTIONS REGARDING COMMUNIST EXPANSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. IN BRIEF, INDONESIA HAS ESTABLISHED THAILAND AS ITS "YELLOW" LINE AND MALAYSIA AS ITS "RED" LINE OF DEFENSE. IF

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THE NORTH VIETNAMESE, AFTER CONSOLIDATING THIER POSITION IN

VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA, ATTEMPTED TO GENERATE INSURGENCY IN MALAYSIA, INDONESIA HAS PLEDGED TO PRIME MINISTER RAZAK TO JOIN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS IN MALAYSIA. THE SAME WOULD APPLY IF ANY OTHER EXTERNAL COMMUNIST FORCES ARE INTRODUCED INTO MALAYSIA, WHICH INDONESIA REGARDS AS ITS FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE. GENERAL YOGA REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE KEPT IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE, AS THE GOI CONSIDERS IT TOP SECRET. END XGDS-1.

3. YOGA COMPARED THE RELATIVE STRENGTH OF THE RESPECTIVE ARMED FORCES IN THE ASEAN COUNTRIES AND NOTED THAT INDONESIA IS COMPARATIVELY IN THE WORST POSITION TO COPE WITH AN INDOCHINA REALIGNED UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL. NEVERTHELESS, INDONESIA IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT COALITION GOVERNMENTS IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM, EVEN LEFT-OF CENTER GOVERNMENTS, IF THEIR FOREIGN POLICIES ARE ESSENTIALLY NEUTRAL. YOGA COMMENTED THAT HE ASSUMED THIS WOULD COINCIDE WITH UNITED STATES INTERESTS AS WELL. HE SAID THIS HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE BRITISH, WHO WERE IN AGREEMENT. YOGA SAID HE HOPED UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM WOULD UNDERTAKE TO SIGNAL THE SOVIETS AND THE CHINESE THAT STABILIZATION OF INDOCHINA UNDER THIS FORMULA IS TOLERABLE SOLUTION INsofar AS ASEAN IS CONCERNED, AND WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM. (COMMENT: NOT CLEAR WHETHER YOGA MEANT THIS AS SERIOUS REQUEST THAT US AND UK SEND SIGNALS ON BEHALF OF ASEAN; WE DO NOT PLAN PURSUE MATTER UNLESS WE RECEIVE SIMILAR REQUEST FROM OTHER AUTHORITATIVE GOI SOURCE.)

4. YOGA CONTINUED, NOTING THAT IS WAS PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD REASSESS ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE POLICIES TOWARD INDONESIA AND WOULD PROVIDE INDONESIA THE NECESSARY MEANS TO MODERNIZE AND BUILD ITS ARMED FORCES AS A DETERRENT TO COMMUNIST EXPANSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. NEWSOM

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